



**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Atsushi NAGAHARA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2178

Application No.: 10/736,745

Examiner: D. FABER

Filed: December 17, 2003

Docket No.: 117978

For: LAYOUT SYSTEM, LAYOUT PROGRAM, AND LAYOUT METHOD

**AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the August 9, 2006 Office Action, upon entry of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith, and further to the November 2, 2006 personal interview, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Specification;**

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims;

**Amendments to the Drawings** include an attached replacement sheet; and

**Remarks.**